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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER It was a warm, dry, windy week. Temperatures averaged from six to eleven degrees above normal. Daytime readings were in the sixties and seventies until cooler air moved in over the weekend dropping readings into the 40s and 50s on Sunday. Freezing temperatures covered most of the State by Monday morning. The cooler air was accompanied by very light showers or light snow for the first precipitation of the week.

CROPS The wheat crop is making good to excellent growth in the southern half of Nebraska and has started growing in other areas. Losses of wheat because of winter damage appear to be small and are generally limited to fields covered by water and ice for extended periods and to those areas highly susceptible to severe wind erosion.

Spring field work moved at a rapid pace last week under the prevailing mild weather. Seeding of oats and legumes progressed rapidly in southern and eastern areas but was slowed by wet surface soil conditions in the northeast. About 80 percent of the oats acreage has been seeded in the southeast while seeding has just begun in the northeast. Preparation of seedbeds for corn, sorghum, and soybeans is progressing ahead of normal. Sugar beet planting in the Upper Platte Valley has passed the quarter-way mark. Prevailing high winds have dried the surface soil across the State and general rains are needed in several areas to insure even germination of crops now being seeded. An average of slightly more than four days were favorable for field operations in Nebraska last week.

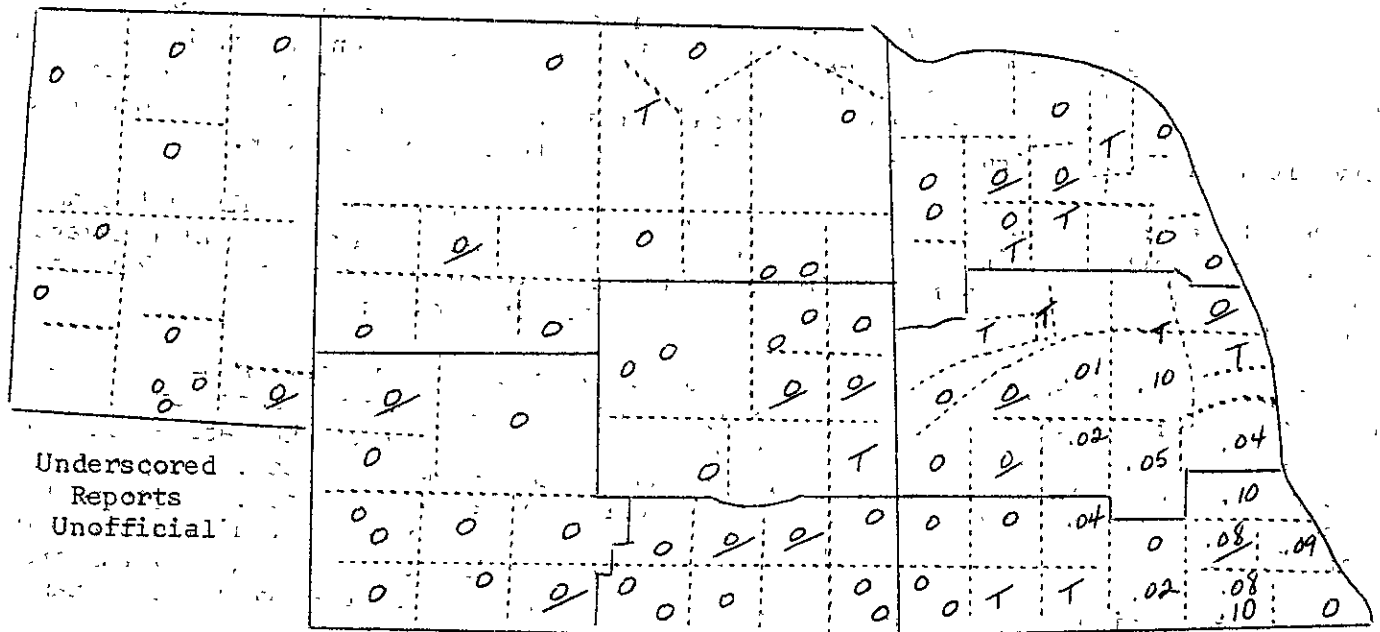
Cool-season grasses have shown considerable greening and are producing noticeable growth along the southern border. If mild weather continues, these grasses will likely be ready for grazing at earlier than normal dates.

LIVESTOCK The mild temperatures of last week were ideal for farrowing, lambing and calving operations. Calving in the range area is at its seasonal peak and ranchers generally report that it is proceeding normally. Most stock cattle appear to have wintered well although it took a considerable amount of supplemental feeding to maintain their condition, especially in those areas where winter pastures were covered with snow for extended periods.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 3, 1966

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	.01	Burwell	.01	Chadron	.01
Lincoln	T	North Platte	.10	Imperial	0
Norfolk	T	Valentine	.15	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.06			Sidney	.03
Sioux City	.02				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 1, 1966



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		March						April							
		28th		29th		30th		31st		1st		2nd		3rd	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	71	31	69	35	76	39	71	32	63	43	53	33	43	27
	Scottsbluff	71	39	68	37	77	40	71	31	65	43	59	33	43	18
	Sidney	68	35	64	35	73	33	71	32	48	39	65	30	45	21
NC	Burwell	71	33	62	35	77	43	72	40	57	35	64	36	48	27
	Valentine	72	31	64	35	75	39	68	37	57	38	56	33	45	31
NE	Norfolk	63	38	59	40	75	41	74	42	57	31	59	37	51	27
	Sioux City	60	38	61	35	75	40	78	44	59	32	55	38	53	34
CEN	Grand Island	69	42	63	37	79	42	80	41	60	35	70	38	55	29
EC	Lincoln	63	44	59	44	76	49	80	44	59	37	70	38	52	36
	Omaha	60	41	59	35	74	42	79	43	59	34	61	37	52	32
SW	Imperial	69	39	63	40	75	42	71	39	61	38	67	35	46	29
	North Platte	70	35	69	34	76	36	77	37	60	34	65	35	46	32

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